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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. FCO OFFICERS WESTON AND FORT ADVISED US JANUARY 15 THAT UK IS SENDING INSTRUCTION TO ALL UK EC POSTS TO UPGE THEIR EUROPEAN PARTNERS TO TOUGHEN TERMS OF JOINT EC DEMARCHE TO BE DELIVERED IN NICOSIA, ANKARA, ATHENS AND TO UNSYG URGING ALL PARTIES TO (1) BEGIN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ON FEBRUARY 2 AND (2) TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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PREPARED TO DISCUSS TERRITORIAL ASPECTS IN A POSITIVE

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WAY. END SUMMARY.

2. FCO HAS BEEN CONSIDERING DRAFT EC DEMARCHE ON CYPRUS WHICH CAME OUT OF RECENT EC MEDITERRANEAN EXPERTS MEETING (ATTELDED BY GOODISON FOR UK) AND HAS DECIDED IT IS NOT TOUGH ENOUGH IN URGING PARTIES TO RECOMMENCE TALKS ON BASIS OF NEGOTIABLE POSITIONS. ON JANUARY 15 FCO SENT INSTRUCTION TO ALL UK EMBASSIES IN EC COUNTRIES TO URGE THAT DEMARCHE BETOUGHENED, SPECIFICALLY TO ENCOURAGE PARTIES TO COME TO TALKS WITH REALISTIC POSITIONS ON TERRITORIAL PROBLEM.

3. RESPONDINE TO U.S. CONCERNS ABOUT DELAY IN OPEINING OF TALKS UNTIL MID-FEBRUARY, UK INSTRUCTION ALSO PRESSES FOR EC TO PUSH FEBRUARY 2 AS LATEST DATE TALKS SHOULD START. UK CYPRUS DESK OFFICER FORT IS NOT AS CONCERNED ABOUT TIMING AS SHE IS ABOUT SUBSTANCE OF TALKS. AS SHE DRAFTED UK INQTRUCTION, IT DID NOT PRESS FOR SUPPORT OF EARLY FEBRUARY DATE. FOLLOWING STATE DEPARTMENT/UK EMBASSY CONVEPSATIONS IN WASHINGTON, TIMING PARAGRAPH WAS ADDED.

4. FCO IS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR TALKS. WESTON AND FORT BELIEVE THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE IS NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS TERRITORIAL ISSUES IN ANY MEANINGFUL WAY IF GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE DOES OPEN WITH A PROPOSAL AS AGREED IN DECEMBER. THIS PROBABLY WOULD MEAN THAT TALKS WOULD BREAK DOWN IMMEDIATELY AFTER BEGINNING AGAIN. RESULT WOULD E ANOTHER "FIASCO" WHICH WOULD MAKE ULTIMATE SOLUTION EVEN MORE DIFFICULT.

5. FCO EVALUATION OF CLERIDES RESIGNATION IS PARALLEL TO PARA 5 REFTEL. FORT'S GUESS IS THAT CLERIDES' INSTRUC-TIONS AS PRESENTLY WRITTEN DO NOT ALL HIM TO MOVE OFF MULTI-ZONAL CONCEPT. IN ADDITION SHE FEARS THAT MAKARIOS IS TRYING TO SADDLE CLERIDES WITH A LARGE DELEGATION OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO COME TO ANY AGREE-MENT. SHE PREDICTS HE WILL WITHDRAW RESIGNATION AFTER HIS OWN NEGOTIATIONS WITH MAKARIOS.

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